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**Northeast Division of Survey & Certification**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

March 20, 2019

Via certified mail

Harold Sanchez, M.D.  
Laboratory Director  
Bridgeport Hospital Laboratory  
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CLIA number: 07D0099572

**RE: PROPOSAL OF SANCTIONS—CONDITIONS OUT - ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE ACCEPTABLE**

Dear Dr. Sanchez:

The Bridgeport Hospital Laboratory was notified by our letter dated February 20, 2019, of the proposal of sanctions against your laboratory's CLIA certificate. In its letter CMS requested a written response as to why sanctions should not be imposed. On February 27, 2019, in response to the sanction actions the laboratory submitted an allegation of compliance (AOC) and evidence of correction for the deficiencies.

We have carefully reviewed the submitted AOC and determined that the AOC is credible and the evidence of correction is acceptable. As a reminder, before the subspecialty of Pathology: Histopathology can be reinstated, the laboratory must be found competent to perform tests under the subspecialty of Pathology: Histopathology.

We encourage your laboratory to maintain compliance with all CLIA requirements. It is the responsibility of the laboratory and its director to ensure that the laboratory is at all times following all CLIA requirements, to identify any problems and take corrective action specific to the problems, and to institute appropriate quality assessment measures to ensure that the deficient practices do not recur.

If it is discovered during the on-site revisit that the alleged corrective action was not implemented or that compliance was not maintained, the CMS RO will take appropriate actions to impose sanctions against your laboratory's CLIA certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact Dina Caloggero at (617) 565-1286 or via email: [dina.caloggero@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:dina.caloggero@cms.hhs.gov) or Bethzaida Rodriguez at (617) 565-2146 or via email: [Bethzaida.Rodriguez@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Bethzaida.Rodriguez@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,  
  
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Certification and Enforcement Branch

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Dr. Sanchez - Via certified mail, return receipt # **9171999991703207388741**